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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC BULLETIN CALLING FOR CONTINUED  
RESISTANCE TO ELECTORAL FRAUD IRKS GOG

REF: GUATEMALA 2447

1. APRIL 30, MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT ROBERTO HERRERA IBARGUEN SUMMONED LEADERS OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO HIS OFFICE FOR DRESSING DOWN OVER DCG BULLETIN ISSUED APRIL 23. HERRERA REPORTEDLY LABELLED BULLETIN SUBVERSIVE AND WARNED DCGERS AGAINST INCITING PUBLIC DISORDER.
2. THE DCG BULLETIN HERRERA REFERRED TO WAS DATED APRIL 22 AND INTENDED FOR PUBLICATION IN PRESS AS PAID AD. NO NEWSPAPER WOULD ACCEPT IT AND IT WAS THEN CIRCULATED AS A FLIER.
3. BULLETIN DECLARED THAT DCG REJECTS THE "DICTATORSHIP" IMPOSED ON GUATEMALA THROUGH ELECTORAL FRAUD OF MLN AND PID. IT CALLED THE ELECTION OF KJELL LAUGERUD AND MARIO SANDOVAL BY THE CONGRESS ILLEGAL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND DECLARED THAT THE DCG WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE THEM AS PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. THE BULLETIN THEN DECLARED THAT UNITY  
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OF OPPOSITION IS ONLY MEANS FOR "THE PEOPLE" TO GAIN POWER

IN 1974 AND PLEDGED DCG TO MAINTAIN THAT UNITY. BULLETIN DENOUNCED MLN AND PID FOR VIOLATING CONSTITUTION THROUGH PERPETRATION OF FRAUD, FOR COMPROMISING HONOR OF ARMED FORCES BY USING SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS TO BACK UP FRAUD, AND, FINALLY, FOR OPERATING PARA-MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS FOR POPULAR REPRESSION. BULLETIN CALLS ON PEOPLE TO SUPPORT ALL ACTIONS TO MAKE "ADEQUATE RESISTANCE" EFFECTIVE AND CALLS ON ARMED FORCES TO FULFILL ITS CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE AND SAVE ITS HONOR. BULLETIN SIGNED BY DCG EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE.

4. IN ADDITION TO HERRERA'S DRESSING DOWN, MLN ATTACKED DCG BULLETIN IN PUBLIC STATEMENT, CALLING IT SUBVERSIVE AND REITERATING CHARGES THAT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN LEAGUE WITH COMMUNISTS. THE BULLETIN ALSO WAS MENTIONED IN GOG'S MAY 1 BULLETIN ON MAY DAY DISTURBANCES(SEE REFTEL, PARAGRAPH 4) AS EVIDENCE THAT NATIONAL OPPOSITION FRONT IS ENGAGED IN CONSPIRACY AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

5. PRESIDENTIAL UNDER SECRETARY DONALDO ALVAREZ TOLD US TODAY THAT GOVERNMENT WAS PARTICULARLY INCENSED OVER SECTIONS OF BULLETIN CALLING FOR "PEOPLE" TO GAIN POWER THIS YEAR AND CALLING ON ARMY TO ACT. ALVAREZ OPINED THAT SUCH STATEMENTS WERE PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE, AND PERHAPS TO BE EXPECTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELECTIONS, BUT THAT THEY WERE A CALL FOR A COUP D'ETAT AND THUS SUBVERSIVE ONCE THE CONGRESS HAD FINALLY ELECTED LAUGERUD AND SANDOVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES.  
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